

votes are expected before 6:30 p.m. I repeat that, in compliance with the wishes of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), there will be no recorded votes before 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures, subject to rules: H.R. 3167, the Freedom Consolidation Act of 2001, that was marked up today in the Committee on International Relations; and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Appropriators are also continuing to work on several conference reports. I am hopeful that the VA-HUD conference report, among others, will be ready for consideration in the House early next week.

The Speaker also reports that he will be ready to name conferees on the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, which I will be happy to schedule for consideration next week as well.

I want to thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would ask the distinguished majority leader, he has indicated that perhaps the VA-HUD conference report will be ready for consideration. Are there other conference reports that the gentleman is optimistic about being considered next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, yes, we do have reason to expect the Transportation appropriations conference report, the Agriculture conference report, and the CJS conference report as well next week.

Mr. FROST. I would further ask the gentleman, do you expect fast-track legislation on the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, we are having discussions about the Trade Promotion Authority legislation. While it is not currently scheduled to be scheduled, I think it fair to advise the body that it is possible for consideration next week.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the majority leader, will there be votes next Friday? Can you determine that at this point?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, as the gentleman continues to yield, Mr. Speaker, we are hopeful that the DOD appropriations bill and other conference reports may be available to us, in which case we would stay for votes on Friday; but as has been our circumstance recently, we would have to watch that as the week develops and advise Members as quickly as we can during the week.

Mr. FROST. I would ask the gentleman, when do we expect to wrap up the session for the year? Do you think it will occur before Thanksgiving?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I thank the gentleman for the request; and if the gentleman would continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, we are currently operating under a continuing resolution that would take us to the 16th. Up at the White House last week the President made it clear he would like to see us complete our work.

The leadership on both sides of the building have made a commitment to the 16th. So while I stress that it seems to be the universal goal and objective that we would complete our work on the 16th, that at this point is what I must advise the gentleman is our target for completing our work.

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Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) for a question.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would inquire of the distinguished majority leader whether it is possible that the Speaker will name conferees on the just-passed aviation security bill. I see that the distinguished leader announced that the Speaker will be ready to name conferees on Foreign Operations Appropriations, but given the urgency and the significance that was referenced throughout the debate tonight, I would inquire of the distinguished majority leader if it is possible at an early time to name conferees.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Texas will continue to yield, again, I would like to thank the gentleman from Minnesota for the inquiry and it is, in fact, a very important point. While my remarks for this colloquy were prepared prior to the final passage vote, I can advise the gentleman that the Speaker talked to me just before he left the floor and advised me that he will seek to name conferees as quickly as possible.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST) will continue to yield, I hope that will be early in the week because of the urgency of getting together and closing the rather significant gulf between the two versions of the aviation security bill.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the gentleman from Minnesota's point is well taken, and I think he would find the Speaker's enthusiasm as I saw it expressed to me would be in perfect compliance with your point.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, November 5, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m.

on Tuesday, November 6, 2001 for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HONORING THE NEW JERSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSO- CIATION

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 224) honoring the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not intend to object, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey to explain the resolution.

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation, H. Res. 224, honoring the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association. This legislation recognizes the bravery and honor of the law enforcement officers of New Jersey and the service those officers provide to the communities that they serve.

The New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association was formed in 1938 and celebrates a history of service and dedication to our citizens. Any person who enforces the law of their State or the ordinances of any municipality is eligible for active membership in this association. Currently, the association includes members from Federal, State, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, including special and auxiliary police.

Each year, the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association holds an Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who have demonstrated heroic or unselfish acts of bravery while in the line of duty. This past March the association celebrated its 10th awards dinner in recognition of the top officers in New Jersey and acknowledged their dedication in protecting and serving the State.

Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11, 2001 have shown all Americans that our law enforcement officers serve at great risk to their personal safety. We are indebted to law enforcement officers everywhere who are willing to die

to protect the innocent and to risk all of their hopes and their dreams to ensure the safety and well-being of our families. Many of our law enforcement officers in New Jersey have given their lives in the line of duty, and I stand today with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor and praise these fallen heroes. The thoughts and prayers of this Congress and the country remain with their families.

The men and women in New Jersey's law enforcement community are an integral part of our society who have earned the public's trust. They are on the frontline in our schools and in our streets preserving the right of children to learn in schools that are free from violence and the rights of our citizens to safe communities everywhere. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the bravery and honor of the law enforcement officers of New Jersey and the services of those officers to their communities.

I would like to commend my colleague from New Jersey for joining me in support of this important resolution. I would also like to thank personally the gentleman from New Jersey for his leadership on this and a range of other issues that benefit all of the citizens of New Jersey.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I rise this evening to commend the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON) and to acknowledge the tremendous work of the New Jersey State law enforcement officers. They do this work on a daily basis, and we took this work for granted for many years. However, the most recent events on September 11 demonstrated their heroic effort when many of the law enforcement officers from New Jersey went to New York to attempt to save lives of citizens who were the unfortunate victims of a terrorist attack. We do owe them a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice and commitment to save the lives of all citizens of our great country.

These men and women work tirelessly and they work to try to serve the people of New Jersey and, in turn, they did risk their lives to ensure our personal safety.

The people of New Jersey applaud the efforts of the law enforcement officers as they are willing to die even to protect the families of our State.

As a former educator, I recognize the men and women in law enforcement who are on the front lines of our schools and our streets, who preserve the rights of our smallest citizens to live in a safe community, our young people as they go to and from school. We must continue to support the work of the individuals who serve the people in New Jersey for law enforcement and throughout the country, but we would certainly like to highlight those courageous men and women from our great State of New Jersey.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), and I join in thanking the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON) for introducing this legislation.

This resolution was introduced several months ago in August, but we have had a strong reminder since then of the need for this recognition, that State after State, we are now reminded of how dependent we are on each other and how dependent we are on first responders and especially our police.

In New Jersey when the alarm sounds, police officers put their lives on hold and answer. They work day and night to keep order in the community and to protect our liberties and our lives.

On September 11 and the days following, they were active in emergency response and urban search and rescue, and day in and day out, they are in our schools and in our neighborhoods, teaching children a respect for community and a respect for orderly behavior. We owe them a great deal of thanks, and this is the least we can do tonight to pass this resolution in their honor.

I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON) for initiating this, and I am proud to join him in it.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ).

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I want to also thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON) for putting forth the resolution.

In the resolution it says two things that we are so accustomed to saying, but I think we have now come to understand in a very dramatic way how important that sentiment is. It says, as law enforcement officers serve at great risk to their personal safety, and whereas the citizens of New Jersey are indebted to their law enforcement officers who are willing to die to protect them and their families and to risk all of their hopes and all of their dreams to ensure the safety and well-being of New Jersey's communities.

We have seen that time and time again in New Jersey, and we have seen that certainly in the aftermath of September 11, the enormous risk that individuals who we come to rely upon, their everyday members of our community, in a sense; we see them as we walk our streets or as they patrol our neighborhoods and we think of them in the context when there is no great harm and no great fear. But when events like September 11 take place, it magnifies for us the great risk that they take, and that risk is never known when it is going to visit.

In my district, which is right across from midtown Manhattan where we see the New York skyline view, where we used to see the World Trade Center, and now see the scar that has been left behind, we saw hundreds of police officers being part of the triage system that brought individuals, over 1,000, to the New Jersey side of the river to ultimately get care in our hospitals and emergency clinics. In that respect, and in so many other respects, the fact of the matter is that we see the enormous risks that our men and women in blue take on on a daily basis. September 11 magnified that for us. The constant challenge we have magnifies that for us.

Lastly, let me just say it is good to recognize the New Jersey Law Enforcement Officers Association and their members and others in uniform. I also believe we need to stand by them in meaningful ways, in ways in which we assist them as part of that crucial first responder network. We need to help them with resources for training in the new environment that we are in. We need to help those communities that have exhausted their overtime budgets in this context so that we can be able to keep those departments whole.

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We need to provide resources through what has been our COPS program to deal with the new security threats. When we do those things, we truly honor the individuals whose resolution we seek to recognize today.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for those timely remarks. We appreciate the great work he has been doing in the Congress and in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON).

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I again want to commend my colleagues for joining us here on the floor of the House to offer our praise and recognition for these men and women who work so hard to protect us and protect our families.

Our districts, Mr. Speaker, in New Jersey are not far from New York City. So many of our constituents and families, people that we represent, were affected very directly by the events of September 11. In my district alone we lost 81 people. That is 81 families and communities who are grieving over the loss of loved ones.

To see, in the hours and days and weeks following these tragedies, to see the incredible service, the dedication, the sacrifice of those who wear a law enforcement uniform has been truly extraordinary.

Some statistics, just to highlight the incredible service of our men and women in uniform:

There are approximately 740,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the United States today, the highest figure ever, and about 12 percent of that number are women.

There are a total of 1,555 law enforcement officers that died in the line of duty in the last 10 years. That is an average of one death every 57 hours, or about 156 a year. There were 150 police deaths in the year 2000, which represented a 12 percent increase from the 137 officers who died in 1999. These figures include the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Based on the most recent figures, some 300 public safety officials are missing, they are missing, as a result of the September 11 tragedies, including more than 50 law enforcement officers. Crimefighting has taken its toll. Since the first recorded police death in 1792 there have been more than 15,000 law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

These are some startling numbers, staggering numbers, but statistics are secondary when we see in real life the service and the dedication of the men and women who serve us in law enforcement.

We are very, very pleased and I am very, very pleased to join my colleagues in offering this resolution this evening.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. We certainly once again would like to express our appreciation for the gentleman bringing this resolution to the floor.

As it has been indicated, New Jersey was very severely impacted by September 11. The fourth plane that left out of Newark Airport, which is in my district, the PATH train that goes to the World Trade Center leaves Newark and in 15 minutes or so it is at the site of what is ground zero, now.

So we are very closely involved. We feel the impact on our districts, and we once again would like to commend the men and women in blue.

We had a service just on Wednesday. I went back to the district in Newark. We had a service at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, where we honored policemen and firemen there on Wednesday. The concerned citizens of the hospital did this. It was just continued recognition for the great work they have been doing.

Mr. Speaker, once again I thank the gentleman.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for House Resolution 224, which honors more than 10,000 members of the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

As a proud co-sponsor of this resolution, which was introduced prior to the September 11th attacks, our respect for New Jersey's law enforcement officers runs deep. Day in and day out, these individuals routinely put their life on the line—valor, courage and bravery are commonplace in their daily job.

Formed in 1938, The New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association celebrates a rich tradition of service and dedication to our citizens. Individuals who enforce New Jersey's state laws, and the ordinances of New Jersey municipalities, are eligible for active membership. Currently, the Association includes members from Federal, State, County and Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies, including Special and Auxiliary Police.

Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11, 2001 have shown all Americans that our law enforcement officers serve at great risk to their personal safety. The men and women of New Jersey's law enforcement community are genuine community leaders who do a tough job and do it well. Within an hour of the attack,

New Jersey police officers were deployed to the Hudson River to assist the victims.

Every single day since then, they have been working around-the-clock to bolster security in the New Jersey-New York region. Specifically, additional troopers have been mobilized to augment security in airports, bridges, and tunnels, as well as to strengthen security at the Salem Hope Creek and Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Stations. New Jersey State Patrol Marine units have also been deployed to patrol waterways, especially the waterways adjacent to the nuclear facilities. New Jersey State Police have also increased their presence in Atlantic City Hotels and other likely terrorist targets.

New Jersey officers have also had to deal with thousands of calls in response to public fears about anthrax contamination. HAZMAT teams have been deployed across the state to investigate actual anthrax incidents, as well as cruel hoaxes. In my own district, the Hamilton police department has been working non-stop to protect and reassure local residents who have seen their very neighbors and co-workers exposed and even infected with anthrax.

In our greatest hour of need, New Jersey law enforcement officers have filled the breach and made us all proud.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the bravery and honor of the law enforcement officers of New Jersey. The New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association is the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities, and especially at this time of uncertainty, our law enforcement officers deserve our full support.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H. Res. 224, a resolution honoring the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association and all law enforcement officers in New Jersey. They serve and protect our state and local communities with bravery, pride, professionalism and honor each and every day.

The fine men and women who make up New Jersey's law enforcement agencies are exceptional people who do a very dangerous job, often without fanfare or recognition. They put their own lives on the line so that our schools, streets, children and families are safe from harm and danger. They are, as we have been reminded by their extraordinary response since September 11, true heroes.

On September 11, thousands of police officers and emergency personnel from local communities across New Jersey were mobilized immediately and dispatched to help with the search and recovery efforts at Ground Zero. Our thanks and our gratitude goes out to everyone who assisted in a time of such great need. Our prayers are with the families of the victims, which included police officers and firefighters who rushed into the World Trade Center to save lives.

In recent weeks, I have had the opportunity to personally thank a few of those police officers, fire and emergency personnel from my Congressional District by presenting them with flags that flew over the U.S. Capitol. Almost every one of the 57 communities I represent sent police officers, firefighters and EMT's to the site of the World Trade Center Disaster, many of whom are volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, it has been more than two months since the tragic events of September 11, and today, with anthrax a real threat for

many, especially in New Jersey, our law enforcement officials and emergency personnel continue to serve the public tirelessly. I cannot think of a better way to honor the work of law enforcement personnel in New Jersey than by supporting H. Res. 224.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 224

Whereas more than 700,000 men and women across the Nation serve their fellow citizens in their capacity as guardians of peace;

Whereas the law enforcement officers of New Jersey are recognized for their dedication to promote, advance, and encourage cooperation among all law enforcement officers;

Whereas law enforcement officers serve at great risk to their personal safety;

Whereas the citizens of New Jersey are indebted to their law enforcement officers, who are willing to die to protect them and their families and to risk all of their hopes and all of their dreams to ensure the safety and well-being of New Jersey communities;

Whereas law enforcement officers of New Jersey have fallen in the line of duty, and the thoughts and prayers of the House of Representatives and the country remain with the families of these men and women;

Whereas the men and women in New Jersey's law enforcement community are on the front line in our schools and on our streets, preserving the right of our children to learn in schools that are free of violence and the right of our citizens to safe communities; and

Whereas the members of the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association are an integral part of our society, in whom we have instilled public trust: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes the bravery and honor of the law enforcement officers of New Jersey, and the service of those officers to their communities.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONTINUATION OF SUDAN EMERGENCY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-140)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice,